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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/707,291 Confirmation No.: 1290
Applicant: : David W. Pratt
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Art Unit : 3652
Examiner : Paul T. Chin

Docket No. : 1053.30
Customer No. : 21,901
For : Bottom-Emptying Device for Tapered Bailer

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor.

EXTENSION OF TERM

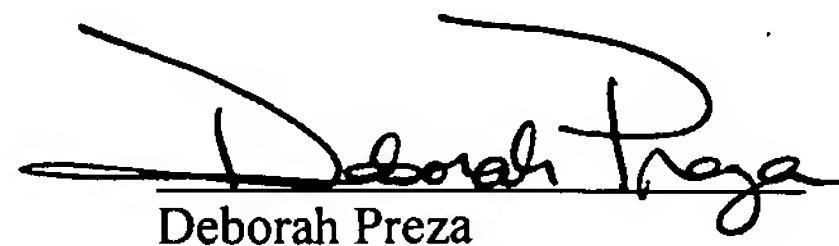
3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

(37 C.F.R. 1.8)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims, Amendments to the Drawings and Remarks is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 21, 2006.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

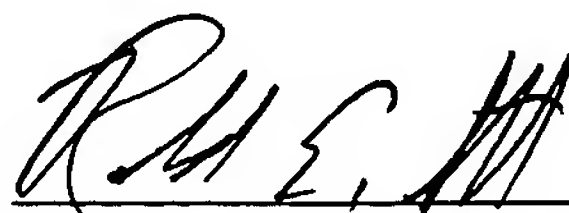
4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | SMALL ENTITY | |
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| Indep. | 3 | Minus | 3 | = 0 | x \$100 = | \$0 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | | + \$180 = | \$0 |
| | | | | | Total Addit. Fee | \$0 |

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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,



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AMENDMENT A

Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 02/16/2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 05/16/2006, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawing Figures are attached to page 4 of this paper and include Replacement Sheets and Annotated Marked-up Drawings.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.